

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

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## MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

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### Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck  
Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Steve Colligan,  
Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty,  
Assemblymember Randall Kowalke, and Mayor Vern Halter  
Assemblymember Colligan entered telephonically at 4:06 p.m.

#### School Board Roll Call

School Board Members present: Member Michaelson, Member Ruth,  
President Dearman, Member Retherford, Member Larson, and Member  
Trimmer.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

#### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager.

#### **V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to his attendance at a prior meeting at which Mr. Haberman was present: Mr. Larry Dearman.

#### **VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **A. Annual Budget And Bonding For Schools (MSB 2.12.075(A))**

Mr. Gene Stone, School District Superintendent and Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent Business Operations, presented the School Districts preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

##### **B. Borough Budget Summary (Requested By School District)**

Mr. Moosey reported on the Borough's Fiscal Year 2018 preliminary budget.

The meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

##### **C. School Site Selection Priorities (Requested By School District)**

##### **1. SB 17-002 School Board Resolution No. 17-002**

Mr. Luke Fulp reported on the intent behind School Board Resolution No. 17-002.

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

School Board Member Trimmer thanked the body for the meeting. Spoke to the value of the School District to the community. Opined that it is important to the community to retain quality educational opportunities. Spoke in support of putting a sales tax before the voters.

School Board Member Retherford noted that School Board Resolution No. 17-02 is preliminary. Stated that it may be discovered that some needs have already been met. Spoke to her appreciation of the cooperative nature of the joint body. Stated that education is one of the most important things the body addresses. Spoke to the need for the joint body to work together to address the current fiscal issues. Spoke in support of full funding of the School District's budget. Spoke to how growth impacts the educational system.

School Board Member Larson noted his agreement that the working relationship of the joint body is solid. Spoke to the need to figure out a way to address the budget deficit. Spoke in support of putting sales tax before voters. Spoke to the possibility of the cities being more involved in funding school budgets. Noted the need for community involvement. Spoke in support of the joint effort of speaking to the State Legislators. Spoke in support of the Borough Area School Site Selection Committee. Spoke to ways that education impacts incarceration.

School Board Member Michaelson spoke in support of the body working together to address budget concerns. Spoke to the possibility of scheduling more joint meetings. Opined that the public supports funding education. Spoke in support of the working relationship of the joint body.

School Board President Dearman stated that she is pleased that the body is working together to address budget concerns. Spoke in support of education. Spoke in support of the working relationship of the joint body. Read an email that she received in which it stated that "school bond indebtedness belongs to municipalities and not the school districts."

Assemblymember Sykes spoke in support of education. Noted that the Assembly and the School District had made a prior commitment to send out a flyer with a joint position on school funding.

Assemblymember Kowalke thanked the body for the meeting. Noted it will be difficult budget cycle this year.

Assemblymember Mayfield noted his support of education. Spoke to concerns with the per student ratio that was presented this evening. Spoke to the coming budget work that the Assembly will be doing.

Assemblymember Colligan thanked the body for the meeting. Spoke to his appreciation of the School District's presentation. Spoke to the need to use common sense moving forward.

Assemblymember Doty stated that she appreciates the leadership of the School District. Spoke to the need to look at future funding.

Assemblymember Beck thanked the School District for the budget presentation. Spoke to his appreciation of his family's positive educational experience with the School District. Spoke to the federal funding based on the military that Fairbanks and Anchorage receive. Noted other districts that have sales tax. Spoke to the need to fund education.

Mayor Halter spoke to recent meeting with the Governor he had, in which he conveyed the message that the Borough could not absorb any more of the bonded indebtedness. Noted how the State pulling back on their share of the indebtedness impacts the Borough. Opined that if a sales tax question goes before voters that it would have to be very clear so that the voters are educated as to the intent.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

March 7, 2017, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes (4 pages)

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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**Telephonic:** 1 - Assemblymember Steve Colligan

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to take up the public hearing of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 as the first public hearing.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection

Mr. Moosey noted that he would request that the public hearing for Ordinance Serial No. 17-013, be continued to April 4, 2017.

Mayor Halter queried if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Patricia Fisher, a member of the audience.

### V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 17-011**
- A. Regular Meeting: 01/24/17
  - B. Regular Meeting: 02/07/17
  - C. Special Meeting: 02/21/17
  - D. Regular Meeting: 02/21/17

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

### VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

##### 1. Reports From Cities

###### City of Wasilla

Mayor Bert Cottle reported on the activities of the city.

###### City of Palmer

City Manager Nate Wallace reported on the activities of the city.

##### 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

### **3. Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Ms. Bonnie Quill reported on the activities of the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**

Assemblymember Beck stated that there have been no recent meetings.

### **2. Assembly Public Relations**

Assemblymember Sykes reported on the Alaska State Board of Fisheries meeting that is being held in Anchorage.

## **C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

### **1. State/Federal Legislation**

### **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

### **3. Employee Health Benefits**

Ms. Collen Savoie of EBMS, provided an Employee Health Benefits update.

### **4. Ambulance Billing Update**

Mr. George Hays reported on the measures taken to update the Borough's ambulance billing system.

Mr. Casey Cook reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency recovery funding has been approved for 2012 Flood event, in the amount of \$1.3 million.

### **5. Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Update**

Mr. Moosey advised that there will be report on this item and that it will come back on a future agenda.

### **6. April Is Safe Digging Month - Enstar Natural Gas**

Ms. Kelsey Anderson and Ms. Lindsey Hopkins, presented on safe digging in the Borough.

## **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that a safe digging requirement is incorporated into Borough code. Stated that if any members are considering sales tax legislation, to please come see him. Spoke to various email he has been receiving and sharing with the Assembly, in order to keep them informed. Stated that if they have any questions, to come see him.



## E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie stated that it has been reported to her that the new Granicus video streaming is working well. Thanked Ms. Henry for all her hard work in getting the system going. Stated that it was mentioned at the last meeting the possibility of combining March 28, 2017, departmental budget presentation meeting and the joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting. Suggested changing the start time to 1 p.m. and have the departmental budget presentations, take a break at 5 p.m. and start the joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting at 6 p.m. Advised that if more time was needed for budget presentations, that could continue after the joint meeting. Queried if the Assembly would like to make that change.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

## F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 17-006**
1. Agriculture Advisory Board: RS 17-02
  2. Board Of Adjustment and Appeals: 12/02/16, 12/12/16
  3. Fairview RSA Board of Supervisors: 11/15/16
  4. Platting Board: 01/05/17, 01/19/17
  5. Trapper Creek RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/10/16, 06/15/16, 08/24/16, 11/08/16
  6. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: 11/29/16
  7. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/09/17
  8. Chickaloon Community Council: 09/14/16, 10/12/16, 11/09/16
  9. Trapper Creek Community Council: 01/19/17

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

## G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 17-038** Land Management Will Be Conducting A 10 Year Plus Over The Counter Adjacent Owner Tax & Lid Foreclosure Sale This Spring. The Repurchase Rights Of The Former Record Owner Have Been Extinguished.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

## **VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)**

There were no persons to be heard.

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

**OR 17-021** An Ordinance Amending MSB 24.05.010, Definitions; Amending MSB 24.05.020(A), Jurisdiction; Adopting MSB 24.05.105, Trapping Prohibitions And Restrictions; Amending MSB 24.40.050, Fines For Infractions; Adopting MSB 24.05.055, Forfeiture Of Traps; Amending MSB 2.85.020(D) And Adopting MSB 2.85.020(E); Closures And Restrictions; Adopting MSB 2.85.030, Definitions; Amending Chapter Title 19.12 From Operation Of Motorized Vehicles To School Property; Adopting MSB 19.12.015, Trapping Prohibited; Adopting MSB 19.12.030, Definitions; Amending MSB 1.45.100(C), Fines For Infractions; And Adopting MSB 1.45.105, Forfeiture Of Traps In Order To Prohibit Trapping On Borough Owned Public School Property And To Restrict Trapping On The Borough Owned Portion Of Crevasse Moraine Trail System.

**Sponsors:** Mayfield and Kowalke  
Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021: Mr. Ken Thomas, Mr. Mark Gronewald, Mr. Will Peabody, Ms. Mimi Peabody, Ms. Deanna Arthur, Ms. Claudia Sihler, Mr. Leif Jensen, Ms. Jody Lofgren, Mr. Mark Austin, Ms. Dori McDanold, Ms. Angie Lewis, Mr. Bill Mitchell, Mr. Gary Wolf, Ms. Cynthia Collins, Ms. Tara Redford, Ms. Sabrina Shaw, Mr. Mike Weber, Mr. Bill Lyons, Mr. Louie Calandri, Ms. Laurie Calandri, Ms. Michelle Myers, Mr. Todd Estey, Mr. Larry Turner, Ms. Lynn Mitchell, Ms. Lisbeth Jackson, Ms. Talon Boeve, and Ms. Julie Berberich.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 and opined that the Borough's leash law needs to be enforced: Mr. Kenneth Barber.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 with the proposed amendments: Ms. Carrie Klein. Ms. Saunders McNeill, Mr. Bill Mohrwinkle, Ms. Sheila Ohman, Ms. Kathy Meyer, Mr. Cody Johnson, Ms. Amy Brean, Ms. Sarah Johanson, Ms. Linda Benson, Ms. Jill Valerius, Ms. Sherry Musgraves, Mr. Bruce Johnson, Ms. Lynx Mullen, Ms. Julia Plotnick, Ms. Maggie Hejl, Ms. Grace Champion, Ms. Katie Montano, Ms. Nicole Yount, Mr. Mike Montano, and Mr. Brian Teachworth.

The following persons spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 17-021: Mr. Richard Person, Alaska Trapping Association member; and Mr. Mike Soik, Alaska Trapping Association member.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public hearing process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The meeting recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-021.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-021, by inserting the following language "Matanuska Lakes Trails, Lazy Mountain Recreation Area Trails, Matanuska River Park Trails, Alcantra Athletic Complex Trails, West Bodenbug Butte Trails, Reflections Lake Trails" after the words "Crevasse Moraine" throughout the ordinance and to IM No. 17-034, by attaching a copy of her written amendment with the legislative intent so that the legislative history is clear.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a secondary amendment by inserting the words "Jordan Lake Park" after the words "Reflections Lake and" throughout the ordinance.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-021, as follows: By striking the word "trails" throughout the ordinance; MSB 24.05.105(A)(1), Section 4 of the ordinance, by striking the words "within the Borough maintained trail that is part of;" MSB 24.40.055, Section 6 of the ordinance, by striking the words "or within 100-feet of such; MSB 2.85.020(D), Section 7 of the ordinance, by striking the words "on Borough maintained trails within the Crevasse Moraine Trail system and within 100-feet of any such trail; and Section 13 of the ordinance by striking the words "on a Borough maintained trail or within 100-feet of such."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

**OR 17-013** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$169,009.50 From Fund 520 To Fund 450, Project No. 70012 To Fund Repairs To The Port MacKenzie Barge Dock.  
RS 17-009: A Resolution Approving The Appropriation Of \$450,000 From The Areawide Capital Reserve And \$400,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund, For A Total Of \$850,000 To Fund 450, Project No. 70012, As A Loan To Fund 520, To Fund Repairs To The Port MacKenzie Barge Dock.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

Eugene Carl Haberman spoke to concerns with the public hearing process.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to continue the public hearing to April 4, 2017.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

### **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman spoke to concerns with the public process.

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

**RS 17-014** A Resolution To Approve The Amended Budgets And Transfer Funds From Dogwood Avenue/Felton Street Extension, Project No. 35401, Fund 430, Roads And Bridges Capital Projects, And From Sullivan And Caudill Road Upgrade, Project No. 35407, Fund 430, To Collector Road Access To Machetanz Elementary School, Project No. 35402, Fund 430, In A Total Amount Of \$2,659,638.45.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

## **2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**

**AM 17-017** Approval Of Change Order For Contract No. 16-057B In The Amount Of \$200,000 To Wolverine Supply, Inc. For Generators And Switchgear At 9 Schools; Project Nos. 40194 and 40093, School Capital Projects.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-018** Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 15-153B With Jolt Construction In The Amount Of \$98,895.14 For The Big Lake Road Intersection Improvements Project, Project No. 35404, To Extend The Contract To June 30, 2017, And To Approve Additional Change Order Authority.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-019** Authorizing The Borough To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Department Of The Army For The Lower Matanuska Section 205 Flood Damage Reduction Study For An Amount Not To Exceed \$163,500.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing March 21, 2017, Assembly Chambers)

**OR 17-022** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030 (41), Adopting The Fishhook Comprehensive Plan.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-024** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$21,580 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.

RS 17-017: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, Project No. 45284, Fund 425, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-026** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2015 Sockeye Fire Disaster Relief Monies In The Amount Of \$104,620.34 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management And The Federal Emergency Management Agency, To Fund 445, Project No. 55018.

RS 17-018: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The 2015 Sockeye Fire Disaster Relief Monies, Project No. 55018.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 21, 2017.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. 17-013 03/07/17 Vacancy Report**

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## **C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

### **D. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)**

There were no referrals presented.

## **XI. RECONSIDERATION**

There were no reconsiderations presented.



## **XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymember McKee: Noted his position on his votes for the trapping legislation. Spoke to concerns that the legislation should have come back in whole with a map that delineated the prohibited areas. Spoke to concerns with access to Machetanz Elementary School being so expensive to fix.

Assemblymember Sykes: Noted the expense of fixing access to Machetanz. Thanked the body for the discussion with the School District. Spoke to concerns with funding for the budget. Spoke to the history of working on the trapping legislation. Thanked the public for their testimony. Thanked the body for their amendments.

Assemblymember Kowalke: Opined that a map should have been included in the trapping legislation. Spoke in favor of a clean amendment process with written amendments. Spoke to his attendance at the State Board of Fisheries meeting.

Assemblymember Mayfield: Spoke in support of the trapping legislation as amended. Opined that there was good discussion with public input. Summarized his history of being involved in the trapping legislation.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:15 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Doty: Spoke to her appreciation of the public testimony regarding trapping. Opined that it is good for the trapping community to have clear boundaries.

Assemblymember Colligan: Spoke in support of discussion that occurred this evening. Spoke to his concerns with the trapping legislation.

Assemblymember Beck: Opined that trappers will abide by the boundaries set by the Assembly. Spoke to the Trapper Association discussion to put signage at Crevasse Moraine. Noted that public testimony related that it is not professional trappers causing issues.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to direct the Manager to work with the School District to determine the number of students who are in military homes with children that are in the school district.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Halter: Noted that the trapping legislation probably should have been adopted sooner. Stated that he knows many trappers and has good relationships with many. Stated that it is better to have total ban rather than set back. Noted that funding for the School District budget will be difficult.

Stated that if a sales tax legislation is brought forward, that it better be clear.  
Thanked the public for their testimony on the trapping legislation.

Ms. McKechnie spoke to legislation deadlines for ballot items.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

March 7, 2017, Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes (13 pages)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vern Halter", written over a horizontal line.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lonnie R. McKechnie", written over a horizontal line.

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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## II. ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty (entered at 4:10 p.m.), Assemblymember Randall Kowalke, Assemblymember Jim Sykes, and Assemblymember Matthew Beck

**Excused** 1 - Assemblymember Steve Colligan

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to take up the Foreclosure Process before the Executive Session. There was no objection noted.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to removing Service Level Reductions from the agenda at the request of Manager Moosey. There was no objection noted.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

## IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Terry Snyder, a member of the audience.

## **V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

## **VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **B. FORECLOSURE PROCESS**

Ms. Candie Graham, Foreclosure Specialist, and Ms. Lisa Gray, Land Disposal and Foreclosure Specialist, provided information regarding the Borough's foreclosure process.

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And To Discuss Matters Involving Consideration Of Borough Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney Client Privilege)**

#### **1. Union Negotiation Preparation**

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to enter into executive session for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of Borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney/client privilege. In particular, to discuss union negotiations preparation. Those present in executive session would be the Mayor, Members of the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, Mr. George Hays, Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Ms. Ali Little, and Ms. Sonya Conant.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to exit the executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited the executive session at 5:18 p.m.

**~~C. SERVICE LEVEL REDUCTIONS~~**

**VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

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**Telephonic:** 1 - Assemblymember Steve Colligan (entered telephonically at 6:23 p.m.)

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to pulling Resolution Serial No. 17-019 from the agenda at the request of Manager Moosey. There was no objection noted.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Kowalke moved to take up the reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 prior to Public Hearings.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to taking up Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-008 and 17-009 together and Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-010 and OR 17-011 together. There was no objection noted.



Ms. McKechnie advised that it was necessary to move Ordinance Serial No. 17-029 from Introductions to Referrals, so that it could be referred to the Planning Commission as was the intention. There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to take up audience participation prior to the reconsideration.

VOTE: The motion failed with a tie vote.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

#### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bert Cottle, city of Wasilla.

#### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

There were no minutes presented.

#### **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)**

###### **1. Reports From Cities**

###### City of Wasilla

Mayor Cottle reported on the activities of the city.

###### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

There was no report provided.

##### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

###### **1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**

Assemblymember Beck noted there were no meetings held recently.

###### **2. Assembly Public Relations**

There were no reports provided.

##### **C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

###### **1. State/Federal Legislation**

###### **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

Mr. Otto Feather, Emergency Services Director, and Mr. Ken Barkley, Fire Service Area Deputy Director, introduced and acknowledged the fire search and rescue crew who assisted with ice rescue efforts for a member of the public in November 2016.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, and Ms. Joy Merriner, BDO USA, LLP, spoke to the June 2016 year end audit.

Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, presented a brief update on the dispatch migration project.

Mr. Moosey provided an update on the Juneau legislative session.

#### **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

#### **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and provided the March 28, 2017, special meeting agenda.

#### **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

- 17-017**
1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 10/19/16, 12/21/16, RS 16-09
  2. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 10/19/16
  3. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 09/12/16
  4. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: RS 17-02
  5. Planning Commission: 10/03/16, RS 17-01
  6. Platting Board: 02/02/17
  7. Transportation Advisory Board: 01/25/17
  8. Willow FSA Board of Supervisors: 05/12/16, 08/11/16, 09/08/16, 11/10/16, 12/08/16
  9. Fishhook Community Council: 10/27/16, 02/02/17, RS 2017-2-23
  10. Glacier View Community Council: 11/17/16, 01/26/17
  11. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 11/16/16
  12. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 02/08/17
  13. Susitna Community Council: 02/02/17
  14. Sutton Community Council: 11/16/16, 12/14/16, 01/25/17
  15. Talkeetna Community Council: 01/02/17
  16. Willow Area Community Organization: 11/07/16, 12/05/16, 01/09/17

The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

#### **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

- IM 17-051** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-110B To D&S Roads Services For 2015 Crack Sealing Services For the Final Contract Amount Of \$850,021.90.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-052** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 16-006B To Valley General Construction, LLC For Brass Ring Drive, Cozy Circle, Easy Street, And Carousel Way Upgrades For The Final Contract Amount Of \$571,815.35.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-053** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-162B To Alaska Earthworks, LLC For Happy Drive, Satisfied Drive, And Gentry Drive Upgrades For The Final Contract Amount Of \$301,247.68.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-054** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 16-014B To Tutka, LLC For Highline Lane, Biltmore Court, And Claridge Court Improvements For The Final Contract Amount Of \$297,876.73.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-055** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-099B To Swalling Construction Company For The Kroto Creek Bridge No. 2161 Replacement Project For The Final Contract Amount Of \$2,603,541.92.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-056** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-130B To Valley General Construction, LLC For Twilight Drive, New Moon Road, And Ogard Street Improvements For The Final Contract Amount Of \$440,150.50.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**IM 17-057** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 16-015B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. For 2015-2016 Roads Paving For The Final Contract Amount Of \$1,852,893.81.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

## **VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

## **XI. RECONSIDERATION**

**OR 17-021** An Ordinance Amending MSB 24.05.010, Definitions; Amending MSB 24.05.020(A), Jurisdiction; Adopting MSB 24.05.105, Trapping Prohibitions And Restrictions; Amending MSB 24.40.050, Fines For Infractions; Adopting MSB 24.05.055, Forfeiture Of Traps; Amending MSB 2.85.020(D) And Adopting MSB 2.85.020(E); Closures And Restrictions; Adopting MSB 2.85.030, Definitions; Amending Chapter Title 19.12 From Operation Of Motorized Vehicles To School Property; Adopting MSB 19.12.015, Trapping Prohibited; Adopting MSB 19.12.030, Definitions; Amending MSB 1.45.100(C), Fines For Infractions; And Adopting MSB 1.45.105, Forfeiture Of Traps In Order To Prohibit Trapping On Borough Owned Public School Property And To Restrict Trapping On The Borough Owned Portion Of Crevasse Moraine Trail System.

**Sponsors:** Mayfield and Kowalke

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 17-021. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 by adding a final whereas on page 6 that stated: "Whereas, Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned lands support a diverse population of users with varied interest and activities, no Borough owned lands shall be added to this ordinance without referral to the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board for review and public comment."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-021, by removing all references to "Matanuska Lakes" and "Reflection Lakes" throughout the entire proposed codified sections of the ordinance.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-021, Section 24.05.105(A)(1), by inserting the verbiage "the following" after the first "on" in that section.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Note: Assemblymember Colligan was not telephonically present during this vote.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

Note: Assemblymember Colligan was not telephonically present during this vote.

**A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)**

There were no persons to be heard.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

**OR 17-008** An Ordinance Creating West White Birch Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 588, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Doty declared a possible conflict of interest as she owned property within the proposed Local Improvement District area.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled that there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Doty was recused from voting.

Assemblymember Doty exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-008 and 17-009 were taken up together.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-008 and 17-009. The motion was defeated by the following vote:

**No:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Recused:** Assemblymember Doty

**OR 17-009** An Ordinance Creating East Mountain Goat Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 591, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-009:  
Ms. Kim Evans.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-008 and 17-009 were taken up together.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-008 and 17-009. The motion was by the following vote:

**No:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Recused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

**OR 17-010** An Ordinance Creating A Portion Of Doc McKinley Avenue Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 592, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-010 and 17-011 were taken up together.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-010 and 17-011. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**OR 17-011** An Ordinance Creating West Ord Lane Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 594, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-010 and 17-011 were taken up together.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-010 and 17-011. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**OR 17-022** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030 (41), Adopting The Fishhook Comprehensive Plan.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-022: Ms. Liz Jackson, Ms. Kim Sollien (Fishhook Community Council Chairperson), Mr. George Strother, and Ms. Cindy Farrens.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-022. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**OR 17-024** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$21,580 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.

**RS 17-017:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, Project No. 45284, Fund 425, For Emergency Response Materials, Planning, Training And Exercise, As Well As Personnel Costs For Coordinating The Support Of The Emergency Operations Plan.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-024. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:



**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**OR 17-026** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2015 Sockeye Fire Disaster Relief Monies In The Amount Of \$104,620.34 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management And The Federal Emergency Management Agency, To Fund 445, Project No. 55018.  
**RS 17-018:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The 2015 Sockeye Fire Disaster Relief Monies, Project No. 55018.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-026. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

### **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following person spoke to the purpose of Resolution Serial No. 17-019 (pulled from the agenda): Mr. Brian Endle.

The following person spoke to clean air, clean water, and sewer services in the Borough: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Note: Resolution Serial No. 17-019 was pulled from the agenda under approval of the agenda and Resolution Serial No. 17-022 was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

## 1. RESOLUTIONS

**RS 17-019** A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation For Air Pollution Control.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

## 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

**AM 17-020** Award of Bid No. 17-076B To Axys, LLC In The Amount Of \$423,550 For The Public Safety Building 3-2 Addition And Parking Area Project.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-021** Award Of Bid No. 17-078B To Wolverine Supply, Inc. In The Amount Of \$231,000 For The Alarm System Replacement At Two School District Buildings.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-022** Award Of Bid No. 17-092B To Rainproof Roofing In The Amount Of \$296,425 For The Glacier View School Roof Replacement.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-023** Award Of Bid No. 17-095B To Contech Engineered Solutions In The Amount Of \$101,410.55 For The Purchase Of Fish Passage Culverts.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-024** Approve Utility Relocation Costs To Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$103,434.13 For Verboncoeur Drive, Project No. 30045.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-025** Award Of Bid No. 17-084B To Valley General Construction, LLC In The Contract Amount Of \$310,504.20 For Finger Cove Drive, Finger Cove Court, Finger Lake Road, And Waldron Cove Court Improvements.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**AM 17-026** Award of Proposal No. 17-051P To Southwick Associates Inc. In The Amount Of \$117,195 For The Economic Contribution Of Sport Fishing In Cook Inlet Study.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion carried without objection by the following vote:

**Yes: 7** - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,  
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,  
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and  
Assemblymember Kowalke

**RS 17-022** A Resolution Approving The Talkeetna Community Council Boundary Revisions.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 17-022. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes: 7** - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,  
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,  
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and  
Assemblymember Kowalke

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business presented.

## **IX. VETO**

There were no vetoes presented.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

## **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 04/04/17 Assembly Chambers)**

**OR 17-027** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$6,905.42 Of Revenues From Public Donations To The Fiscal Year 2017 Animal Care And Regulation Division Operating Budget, 200.100.606, To Purchase Equipment And Supplies For Animal Care.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-028** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$2,355 From Fund 435, Project No. 10176, Night Drop Upgrades, To Fund 480, Project No. 45276, For Neuter Scooter Equipment And Public Outreach.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-030** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$355,000 From Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund To Fund 410, Project No. 30114, For Five Culvert Replacements As Part Of The Fish Passage Improvements Project, Project No. 30114.

**RS 17-021:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Replacement Of Five Culverts For Fish Passage Improvements, Project No. 30114.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-033** An Ordinance Amending MSB Title 43, Subdivisions, To Address Substantial Items Outlined In The Planning Department Staff Memorandum Dated March 1, 2013.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

**OR 17-036** An Ordinance Appropriating \$22,160,000 To Fund 440, Parks And Recreation Projects, For The Acquisition, Construction, And Installation Of Parks And Recreation Related Capital Improvements Within The Borough And \$257,800 To Fund 440, For Related Issuance Costs From The Proceeds Of The 2017 Series A General

Obligation Parks And Recreation Bonds.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for April 4, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

**17-018** 03/21/17 Vacancy Report

**Sponsors:** Halter

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments.

Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Linda Russell, resignation

The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

## **C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

### **D. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)**

**OR 17-029** An Ordinance Adopting MSB Chapter 8.07, Land Application Of Biosolids, Prohibiting The Land Application Of Biosolids Within The Borough.

**Sponsors:** Sykes

**OR 17-035** An Ordinance Amending MSB Chapter 17.29, Flood Damage Prevention To Correct Administrative Errors And Include A Two-Foot Freeboard Requirement For Structures In The Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to refer Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-029 and 17-035 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to refer Ordinance Serial No. 17-029 to the Planning Commission for 60 days.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

## **XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to a request to change the time for the April 4, 2017, regular meeting due to staff and Assemblymember travel.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to changing the time for the April 4 regular meeting to 4 p.m. There was no objection noted.

Mr. Moosey relayed information regarding the possible sale of the Iditarod Elementary School property.

Assemblymember Doty: Spoke to Senate Bill (SB) 90 and directed the Manager to request the Legislative Delegation strongly oppose SB90. Noted her appreciation for the public testimony and discussion on Ordinance Serial No. 17-021. Congratulated Talkeetna and the Fishhook Community Council for the adoption of their legislation.

Assemblymember Colligan: Clarified that his vote on Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 would have been in the negative if he had been on the phone.

Ms. McKechnie noted it would be reflected in the record that he was not present during the time the vote was taken.

Assemblymember Kowalke: Spoke to the result of the vote taken on Ordinance Serial No. 17-021.

Assemblymember Sykes: Thanked everyone for the testimony on the meeting items. Commented it was good to hear from the Fishhook Community Council regarding their legislation. Requested that the Manager look into any issues with the Planning Commission minutes. Requested a letter be disseminated to the Community Councils regarding revenue sharing funds. Spoke to the Borough's process regarding union negotiations. Spoke to the scheduled meeting with AARP on Wednesday, March 22, regarding the budget.

Assemblymember Mayfield: Voiced his pleasure on the result of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021. Acknowledged the fire fighters involved with ice rescue efforts of November 2016 and commented he was glad they had been recognized for the job they performed. Expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Fishhook Community Council.

Assemblymember Beck: Expressed his pleasure regarding the time change for the April 4 regular meeting. Spoke to the opportunity to listen to the emergency services pager and the multiple calls dispatch has received and noted the safety concerns with the current system. Spoke to the recycling program efforts of the Mat-Su Recycling Coalition Plastic Bag Committee. Voiced his appreciation for the meeting.

Mayor Halter: Noted the Borough was currently in the budget process. Commented on the state of the budget discussion in Juneau. Thanked the rescue crew for their efforts with the ice rescue victim in November 2016.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

March 21, 2017, Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes (16 pages)

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/04/17